



Blue, silver puts AEFs on track

Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force is establishing two transitional air and space expeditionary forces, blue and silver, to put the deployment schedule back on track by March 2004, bringing home deployed airmen as quickly as possible.

“We envision these two 120-day rotations filling the requirements of combatant commanders through spring when we can once again implement the normal steady-state AEF rotation,” said Maj. Gen. Timothy Peppe, special assistant for AEF matters at the Pentagon.

“Additionally, we can expect some aircraft, aircrew and associated maintenance rotations outside these two transitional AEFs as we attempt to get them back to the normal schedule next spring,” he said.

The blue AEF is on call to fulfill mission requirements between July and November, General Peppe said. Silver is on call from November through March.

“The magnitude of the various combatant commanders’ continuing requirements throughout the world will dictate the number of airmen that we will have to deploy,” he said.

According to the general, airmen in AEFs 9/10 and 1/2 who were identified to support Operation Iraqi Freedom but did not deploy will likely be the most vulnerable to deploy with the blue or silver AEFs.

“Ideally, as we go through the process (of matching people to these AEFs), those that have been home the longest from a previous deployment will be matched to deploy first,” he said. “There may be some exceptions but I certainly hope not many. We will start with AEFs 9/10 and reach forward, as needed, to fill requirements.”

Airmen selected to support the blue AEF can expect to be notified of their deployment vulnerability over the next few weeks, he said.

“Most of the major command deployment taskings will be made by June 10 and airmen should receive their notifications soon after,” he said.

“However, if a (major command) cannot fill a particular tasking, the AEF Center (at Langley Air Force Base, Va.) will have to source it to another (major command), which may delay some individual notifications,” General Peppe said.

These transitional AEFs will allow the Air Force to get currently deployed airmen back home to their families, he said.

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Kenn Brown

Flying solo

Capt. Eric Sikes, 50th Flying Training Squadron flight commander, gives 2nd Lt. Mike Wheeler, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 03-09, his silver wings and graduation certificate at Baptist Memorial Hospital May 16. Lieutenant Wheeler missed graduation with the rest of his classmates because he had to have an emergency surgery to remove his appendix.

Summer’s danger zone arrives

Theodore Zoska, Jr.
14th Flying Training Wing safety office

The “101 Critical Days of Summer” begins Monday with Memorial Day.

The campaign, which lasts through Labor Day, is designed to heighten people’s awareness of mishaps that occur during the summer.

Memorial Day weekend has historically proven to be high-risk as hundreds of people are injured or killed attempting to enjoy their first summer outing.

“More mishaps occur during the summer than any other time,” said Johnny Smith, 14th Flying Training Wing safety office.

Mr. Smith related that summer brings

an increase in picnics, boating, driving for long periods of time and other recreational activities, which increase the risk of mishaps.

Statistics show the vast majority of mishaps will be the result of human error.

The best way to avoid becoming a victim is to use operational risk management when planning an outing, Mr. Smith said. ORM is the common sense way of accomplishing an outing with reduced risk and helps people make decisions in a timely, logical manner.

The following steps may help reduce the chance of a mishap:

- ❑ Use common sense
- ❑ Think about what could go wrong
- ❑ Use ORM

❑ Look out for and take care of others when on an outing

❑ Make good, sound decisions on and off the job

❑ Take care of family members’ safety

❑ Don’t take unnecessary risks
“Spend your time doing the ‘dos’ and you won’t have to worry about the ‘don’ts,’” said Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th Flying Training Wing commander.

“You, the men and women of the Columbus BLAZE Team, and your families, are our most important cherished resource. Let’s accomplish our mission safely and enjoy the fruits of our labors through a lifestyle of common sense and sound risk management,” Colonel Schmidt said.

International students tour the nation’s capital

2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett
Public Affairs

More than 40 international students from Columbus AFB and Sheppard AFB, Texas, attended a five-day journey to Washington D.C. as part of their informational program.

“The trip took them to our nation’s capital and exposed them to every facet of our country’s history from the colonies to today,” said Maj. Chuck Boothe, international military student officer.

“It also gives the students a chance to not only see the nation’s history through American eyes but also through other attending countries’s eyes,” Major Boothe said.

The international students toured Arlington National Cemetery along with several other monuments, museums and historical sites.

“They learned how our government works to enhance the well being of its people and to ensure that everyone’s rights are protected,” said 2nd Lt. Kurt Barsch, 14th Operations Support Squadron.

A luncheon was the culmination of a the trip where representatives from the students’ countries of origin, ate lunch with the students. It was hosted by the Pentagon at Fort Myers, Va.

During the lunch Col. Tom Bradley, Chief of the Air Force Foreign Liaison Division, echoed the words said by President Abraham Lincoln. “We should do all we



Maj. Chuck Boothe

International students listen to a Washington D.C. tour guide at Arlington National Cemetery.

can to ‘...achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.’”

While the trip was only a part of the information program to show international students U.S. laws, customs and cul-

ture, it may go a long way toward sending the right message.

“This trip makes me want to return to this country and keep good relations with the United States,” said 1st Lt. Jabu Kabini, student pilot from South Africa.

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The combatant commanders are already releasing forces that were deployed, but those forces may need to remain in theater until the Air Force can fill those requirements and get enough assets in theater to bring them home, he explained.

“We would like to rotate people home more quickly but the bottom line is that it takes time to make this happen,” General Peppe said. “But we are working the issue as hard and as fast as we can.”

“Airmen need to understand that the AEF is operating ‘as advertised,’” he said. “It was designed, from the start, to ‘flex,’ as necessary, to meet the widest range of combatant commander requirements.

“A transition period like the one we are experiencing now is normal as we move from one AEF operating environment — crisis action — to another — steady state.

“Since its beginning, I think the AEF has been a great success. I don’t believe it

was ever designed to handle a situation the size of the one we just had but I think it worked well.

“We were able to use it to (quickly) and accurately identify people to meet the combatant commanders’ requirements.”

The Air Force was initially tasked to deploy about 120,000 active-duty, Guard and Reserve airmen, nearly a quarter of the service’s military people, to support operations in Iraq, General Peppe said. “However, we only needed to deploy approximately 50,000,” he explained. “That feat is a testament to the awesome work of our people and the AEF that was flexible enough to adapt to mission requirements and fill them as needed.”

Although Air Force leaders want airmen to be reunited with their families as quickly as possible, the service still must meet the needs of the combatant commanders to continue supporting operations throughout the world, he said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Sponsor training

The next sponsor training class is at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the family support center.

Sponsor training is also available on the public folders, through email. For more information on how to access it, call the family support center at Ext. 2790.

Blood drive

The 14th Flying Training Wing blood drive is from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today at the chapel annex. People who donate receive a T-shirt and pizza coupons. Come give the gift of life. For more information, call Ext. 2197.



‘Click It or Ticket’ program starts

Senior Airman Patricia Johnson
14th Security Force Squadron

The nationwide “Click It or Ticket” campaign started Monday, resulting in the 14th Security Forces Squadron increasing the emphasis on seatbelt usage.

Columbus AFB joins more than 12,000 law enforcement agencies across the nation in this program designed to promote seatbelt use in the United States.

“It seems to be working, in just the past year, six million more Americans are utilizing their seatbelts as a result of the increased focus by law enforcement professionals,” said Senior Airman Deandria Edwards, 14th SFS.

The idea behind this program is to promote seatbelt safety through education and high-visibility enforcement of laws concerning the use of seatbelts.

“While most people assume the majority of people wear seatbelts today, I have been truly surprised by the number of people who approach the gate or that I’ve stopped who are not wearing seatbelts,” said Tech. Sgt. Brandon Enea, 14th SFS.

Making people aware of the value and reason for

Wear of chemical gear is modified

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public affairs

The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron readiness flight had a tabletop exercise May 13 and May 14 to train on the new counter Chemical Warfare Concept of Operations training.

The purpose of the exercise was to educate the functional area experts, such as security forces and the medical group, in the new concepts of operating in a chemical environment.

To help the readiness flight, Air Education and Training Command Headquarters sent Master Sgt. Harvey Clark, readiness functional manager, to further the flight’s understanding of CONOPS.

“The purpose of our meeting was three things: compliance with Air Force staff mandate; confirmation that the wing is doing the training required for all members in blue; finally unfreeze old thinking, reintroduce new procedures and refreeze that training,” Sergeant Clark said.

The older style of thinking was, typically, exercise scenarios involved a chemical “saturation” of an Air Force installation requiring mass wear of the gear for several hours or even days.

The time people spend in Mission-Oriented Protective Posture 4 — full chemical gear and mask — may lessen under the new CONOPS.



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett

Master Sgt. Harvey Clark, Air Education and Training Command Headquarters readiness functional manager, discusses the effects of nerve agents on a person.

“The new CONOPS means, instead of spending days in the chemical gear, you’ll only be in it for a few hours,” said Staff Sgt. Jay Moreau, 14th CES readiness flight.

People may only be required to wear the restrictive gear for a short period of time or only within a specific distance from a potential nuclear, biological or chemical weapon impact.

The readiness flight has already incorporated the new CONOPS information into its chemical warfare training.

“The next time you attend chemical warfare defense class, pay attention, because there is some new information that may save your life,” Sergeant Moreau said.

For more information, call the readiness flight at Ext. 7371.



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett

BX scholarship

Kelly Thomas, Columbus High School senior, receives a check from Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, at the base exchange while her mother, Susan Thomas, looks on. Ms. Thomas was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship as a part of the Army and Air Force Exchange Services “You Made the Grade” competition. She was the first winner from Columbus AFB.

Speakers are needed for the Columbus AFB Speaker’s Bureau. Anyone interested in speaking about the Air Force or their career field at civic clubs, career fairs, science fairs, elementary schools or high schools in the Golden Triangle area can come to the public affairs office and fill out an application. Call Ext. 7068.



Courtesy photo

Air show demonstrations

Air Combat Command started flying dissimilar formation flights consisting of demonstration teams and civilian Heritage Warbirds. The P-51A Heritage Flight Demonstration is just one of many at the June 1 air show. Wings Over Columbus honors 100 years of powered flight from the Wright Brother’s to modern supersonic aircraft. Also, some of the aviators responsible for the success during Operation Iraqi Freedom will share their first hand experience of the war.

Remember why we’re here; be safe this 3-day weekend

Lt. Col. John Parks
14th Medical Support Squadron



How are you planning to observe Memorial Day? Many Americans have argued, debated and even pushed for Congressional action restoring the traditional day of observance to May 30. Is that because the three-day weekend that has been around since 1971 has diluted the purpose for which Memorial Day was established? That may be true to some degree, and for some Americans; however, that is not the message I want to share today. The message I desire to share is simply, take time for observance, have fun and be safe.

Long weekends are precious. So you may already have your sights on sunning at the beach; waterskiing or fishing on the Tenn-Tom; camping and hiking in the mountains; visiting nearby relatives; or barbecuing on the grill. Whatever your plans are for this weekend set a portion of your time to actively remember our ancestors, our family members, our loved ones, our neighbors and

our friends who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the successful pursuit of the freedoms we enjoy each day of our lives. For me, it starts by proudly flying our Stars and Stripes. I am in town for the weekend, so I also plan to take advantage of Columbus’s rich history by visiting Friendship Cemetery.

If you are new to the area, one of the first observances of then Decoration Day took place in this cemetery when several local women demonstrated an act of generosity and reconciliation by placing flowers on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers.

On a more personal note, I plan on telephoning my brother. Larry is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who I can talk to this day because of the sacrifices made by a number of his buddies during the Vietnam War.

Three days still offers plenty of time for gathering with family, friends and neighbors in order to engage in some good old fashion fun. Whichever the activity, do it well and to the fullest. The old adage, “Work hard, play hard,” says it best. It is in that same spirit that the 14th Flying Training Wing stands out as the best in producing the world’s finest pilots. So relax this weekend. Take a well-deserved break from all those long hours and short suspenses. Enjoy a few distractions. We want you re-

energized for your return Tuesday and for your continued pursuit for excellence in all you do.

This can only happen if you think safety first. Please be safe. You do it at work. You need to do it in play, as well. Take a few extra minutes to ensure you have all the right equipment for your activity. Check it thoroughly. If it is not in good working order, replace it. If that is not possible, choose a different activity. Refrain from high-risk activities. If you must, be it white water rafting, motorcycle touring or other activities, ensure you have the proper equipment, and you are with experienced people. Also remember to inform your supervisor of any high-risk activities you plan for the weekend. That subsequent briefing and the Air Education and Training Command Form 29B may just help put you in the right frame of mind that will let you have fun and return safely.

Do all these things this Memorial Day weekend. You will feel appreciative, rested and fully capable to return to do the mission. It is those traditions we observe the quality of life and opportunities available to us; and observe the manner in which we look after one another that ensures the continued observance of Memorial Day and the freedoms it represents. BLAZE on.

Memorial Day — time to pause

Gen. Donald G. Cook
AETC commander

Each year before Memorial Day, officials representing the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund hire workers to inscribe additional names on the black, granite memorial in Washington D.C. This year, the name Donald S. Carson, a staff sergeant who died from injuries due to an aircraft accident in Thailand in 1963, was added.

Sergeant Carson’s name is just one of 58,235 inscribed on the monument — a tribute to just one of many conflicts in which Americans have died while fighting for freedom and democracy around the world.

Each year we set aside a day of remembrance

for our fallen comrades like Sergeant Carson. Their sacrifice spans generations. On May 26 this year we will commemorate Memorial Day to remember all we have gained and lost in our nation’s wars.

Much has happened since last year’s somber day. Our Armed Forces have just participated in an amazing campaign in Iraq, ending decades of tyranny against that country’s people.

As we celebrate their liberation, let’s take the time to remember the cost of that victory as more than 100 men and women gave their lives and hundreds more were injured.

We’re also mourning those who made the ultimate sacrifice in other parts of the world.

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STRAIGHT TALK LINE

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer. All names are kept confidential. Messages are answered in the Silver Wings without names. Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main website at www.columbus.af.mil. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.

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Memorial Day is our time to salute American heroes

(Editor’s note: This is a joint message from Gen. John Jumper, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and Dr. James Roche, Secretary of the Air Force.)

This Memorial Day, as the flag gracefully soars to the top of the flagpole then solemnly lowers to half-staff, the loss of great Americans who have fallen in our country’s battles weighs heavily on our hearts.

Memorial Day is our time to salute their sacrifices and remember their dedication to duty. We remember their humanity, dignity, and nobility. We remember their laughter, their tears, and their determination to serve a grateful nation.

This Memorial Day is indeed somber because members of our ranks have recently fallen in battle. They are the mothers and fathers of children who will forever mourn their absence, the sons and daughters of parents who grieve their death, the husbands and wives of spouses who yearned for



their return, and heroes to us all. Their sacrifice is fresh in our minds as we pay tribute to their memory. They served valiantly to secure freedom for millions who have never tasted the liberties we enjoy every day. Our nation’s humble tribute this Memorial Day is a small measure of our enduring gratitude for their service.

From the Revolutionary War to the ongoing Global War on Terrorism, each generation that has answered our nation’s call to arms has served with honor. Those who serve in our military are a part of a long tradition of sacrifice; those who give their lives are the standard-bearers for us all.

As is our earnest obligation, we accept the mantle of responsibility to uphold freedom from our fallen comrades and march forward, forever mindful of their sacrifice.

God bless all who have gone before and made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. And may God continue to bless each of you and our great nation.

CMSAF sends Memorial Day message

(Editor’s note: The following is a Memorial Day message from Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray.)

“America remembers. We remember the names and faces of fallen heroes of past and current wars, and we honor them by setting aside a day to memorialize their sacrifice. This sacred tradition binds us together as a nation that lives in freedom today because of those who died in battle yesterday.

“This Memorial Day, many Americans will visit the graves of loved ones who died for their country - a father, husband, son, brother, mother, daughter, sister, wife. The flowers they bring and the thoughts they think will bring back joyful memories, and the pain of loss.

“Others will attend Memorial Day services not because they lost a loved one, but in gratitude for the freedom they enjoy because of the heroes

willing to fight and die to preserve it.

“As airmen in the U.S. Air Force, take time this Memorial Day to remember your recently fallen brethren who laid down their lives in the Global War on Terrorism and in Operation Iraqi Freedom:

- ☐ Maj. William Watkins
- ☐ Maj. Gregory Stone
- ☐ Capt. Eric Das
- ☐ Tech. Sgt. John Chapman
- ☐ Staff Sgt. Scott Sather
- ☐ Staff Sgt. Patrick Griffin
- ☐ Staff Sgt. Jacob Frazier
- ☐ Senior Airman Jason Cunningham
- ☐ Airman 1st Class Raymond Losano

“You carry the torch these brave Americans lit. Continue to carry it proudly. As a nation, and as comrades in arms, it’s important that we remember.”

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People like Airman 1st Class Raymond Losano, who was killed during a firefight April 25 near the Pakistan border. He died fighting in the War on Terrorism.

As in every war throughout history, each of these fine Americans had a family back home, praying for their safe return. We can only hope their families are comforted by the knowledge

their loved ones died in a noble effort.

Memorial Day is a well-deserved extended weekend for most of our service members, but as you spend this time with family and friends I urge you to take a moment to reflect and remember those who have fought in wars past and those currently serving in far-off places.

Honor them by always remembering.

Columbus AFB celebrates Asian-Pacific American Month

“The values and traditions of the Asian/Pacific-American community — love of family, entrepreneurship, excellence in education, and community service — have strengthened us as a Nation,” said President George W. Bush. “During Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, we celebrate the contributions of these talented and hard-working citizens and recognize their rich legacy of ingenuity, perseverance, and achievement.”

The multicultural committee sponsored an Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month celebration at the base exchange Saturday.

More than 40 people gathered in the exchange foyer to watch karate demonstrations, Asian dance and taste some authentic Asian food.



Karate demonstrators, Josh Ross, Shawn Ferrell and Josh Klein, perform moves in the base exchange foyer.

Asian Pacific American Heritage Spotlight

Senior Airman
Daniel Swindle
41st Flying Training Squadron



What Asian-Pacific American do you feel has had a major influence on American culture? In my opinion it would have to be Noriyuki Pat Morita, or better known as Mr. Miyagi. Morita has held numerous movie roles spanning a career that began at the age of 30 when he decided to leave his job as a department head of a California aerospace firm. He has been in Happy Days, Midway, Honeymoon in Vegas, not to mention two decades of Hawaii television commercials. However, in the hearts and minds of millions of movie fans around the world Pat Morita is “Mr. Miyagi,” the gentle Japanese sensei who molded “Daniel San” into a Karate Champion with his unconventional ways of training and mentoring. The success of the Karate Kid propelled Morita into international stardom and as a result, he was nominated for an Oscar as Best Supporting Actor in 1985. As for an influence on American Culture, I think everyone can look to “Mr. Miyagi” as a father figure and teacher. Plus, all across the country, American kids are still quoting classic “Miyagi” lines such as “Wax on Wax off” and kids are still falling down attempting to master that ever graceful “Crane Kick” move that ended the first Karate Kid movie, (I know I was.)



Chris Mercer performs an Asian dance at the base exchange celebration Saturday.

Photos by Airman Alexis Lloyd

AT THE CHAPEL

Chapel schedule
Catholic
Sunday activities:
9:15 a.m. — Mass
10:30 a.m. — CCD
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass
Wednesday
11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant
Sunday activities:
9 a.m. — Sunday school
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship
Wednesdays
5:30 p.m. — Video Bible study supper
7:15 p.m. — Choir rehearsal
Thursdays
11:30 a.m. — Lunch Bible study

For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

The theater is closed for renovations until further notice. For more information, call the shoppette at 434-6026.

COMMISSARY

The commissary hours are:
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
10 a.m. to 8 p.m. — Thursdays
9 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Saturdays
Closed — Mondays

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.
Call 2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett for more information at Ext. 7065.

Weekdays
9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.
Air Force Television News
Monday through May 23
9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
College Level Examination Program Tapes:
No tape due to holiday

FAMILY SUPPORT



(Editor's note: All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2790.)

Bundles of Joy: Bundles of Joy is from 2 to 4 p.m. June 24. This program is for pregnant Air Force active-duty people or spouses. The class gives information from how to care for newborns to preparing their college funds. Every participant receives at gift package valued at \$50. The deadline to sign up for this program is June 23.

Self-paced learning: The family support center offers self-paced computer study programs in Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher, FrontPage and PhotoDraw in three levels of expertise. To improve your computer skills, call Mark Horning.

Children and war: The family support center offers their services to help parents explain war and deployments to their children. Stop by the FSC to pick up complete packages to help make children less confused.

Calling cards: Free \$20-valued phone cards are offered to all people going on contingency TDYs for 30 days or longer. This is sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society. Phone cards must be issued to military personnel. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Jamey Coleman.

Videophones: Videophones are available for family members of deployed, TDY or remote military people.

Baby bunch delay: The baby bunch group meetings have been delayed until September. For more information, call the family support center.

Deployment briefing: Military people who are going remote or being deployed must attend a mandatory briefing held at 9 a.m. Thursdays. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Jamey Coleman.



Airman Alexis Lloyd

New, improved thrift store

Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, helps Ruth Ann Kinion, thrift store manager, cut the ribbon May 15. The new location is next to the youth center, across from the enlisted dorms. For more information, call Ext. 2954.



BASE NOTES

Case lot sale: The commissary has a case lot sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 30 and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 31. For more information, call Ext. 7109.

Uniform wear: The Air Education and Training Command commander has directed a return of the policy on uniform wear while traveling on government orders.

Vacation Bible school: Registration for vacation Bible school is open until June 2. This year's theme is SCUBA — Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure. The VBS lasts from 9 a.m. to noon June 2 through June 6. Volunteers are needed for this program.

The bus stop schedule is:
8:30 — Magnolia Stop
8:35 — State Stop
8:40 — Capital Stop 1
8:45 — Capital Stop 2
8:50 — Capital Stop 3
8:55 — Center
9:00 — Base Chapel
Children are dropped off between noon and 12:30 p.m. For more information or to

volunteer, call Joy Garrison at Ext. 2500.

Home seminar: There is a home-buying seminar from 3 to 5 p.m. June 4 at the family support center. A panel of local experts to include a mortgage banker, realtor and home inspector will help people sort through this complicated process. Reserve a seat today by contacting Chris Bowers, Community Housing Assistant, at Ext. 7279.

Car care: The auto hobby shop offers basic car care classes. The classes teach oil changes, tire rotations and many other do-it-yourself skills. For more information or to sign up for a class, call Ext. 7842.

Traffic office: The traffic management office is closed for training Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Regular hours of operation is from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. For more information, call Ext. 2684.

Personal property shipment: In accordance with Department of Defense directive 4500.9R, installation commanders and supervisors should allow enough time off from duties for people to receive counseling and arrange for shipment of personal property. For more information, call Ext. 2573.

Youth center offers free programs to Columbus AFB youth — awarded more than \$37,000



Photos by Airman Alexis Lloyd
Jordyn Franklin, fourth grade, does the hair of Morgan Wheeler, first grade, at the youth center.

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public affairs

The Columbus AFB youth center offers many free programs to base children during the summer.

The youth center was awarded more than \$37,000 by the State Attorney General to enhance programs through educational and physical development activities for youth and increase staff training opportunities.

For more information on any activity or to register, call Ext. 2504.

Some of the activities have limited spots.

Most activities are open to youth center members first, and then nonmembers after a certain date.

Non-youth center members may add their names to the waiting list and are selected on a first come, first served basis. Registrations are currently open for all events.

Here are some of the many activities offered:

❑ Free lawn care safety - A lawn care safety briefing is from 10 a.m. to noon June 6 in the youth center. Several guests brief on proper lawn care and how to maintain lawn care equipment. Participants

must be at least 11 years old, and parents must sign a release for ages 11 to 12.

❑ Free computer workshop — The computer workshop is from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. June 9 to June 13 for 9 to 18 year olds. Topics that are taught are: learning the computer, using Microsoft Office, using Excel, using PowerPoint and creating a web page. The class is limited to the first 10 who register, and nonmembers may sign up after Thursday.

❑ Free youth development conference — The youth development conference is June 18 and June 19 for ages 9 to 18 at Plymouth Bluff on the West Bank of the Lock & Dam. The conference features several workshops focusing on social and community awareness topics such as appreciating diversity, building cooperation skills, communication skills, strengthening friendship and promoting drug awareness. Participants stay overnight at Plymouth Bluff. The conference is limited to 40 people, and nonmembers may register May 31. The deadline to sign up is June 7.

❑ Free golf clinic — The golf clinic is June 10 to June 11 at the Whispering Pines Golf Course. The clinic covers the basic fundamentals of the game.

The clinic is limited to 25 people, and nonmembers may register after June 3.

❑ Free bowling camp — A bowling camp is June 23 to June 27 at the bowling center. The clinic covers basic fundamentals of how to play the game. The camp is limited to 10 people, and nonmembers may register after June 10

❑ Free youth trips — The youth center offers many youth trips during June. Space is limited, and volunteer chaperones are needed for each trip. Volunteers should register one week prior to each event.

—Rocket and Space Center — Trip is June 8, limited to the first 26 to register and is open to nonmembers June 2.

—Memphis Children Museum — Trip is June 23, limited to the first 26 to register and is open to nonmembers June 9.

— Civil Rights Museum — Trip to Birmingham is June 25, limited to the first 26 to register and is open to nonmembers June 11.

— Desoto Caverns - Trip to Alabama is June 30, limited to the first 26 to register and is open to nonmembers June 16.



Naomi Gregory, second grade, reads with her tutor, Jeannie Russell. Tutoring was offered for free through Thursday.



Izaya Rosas, kindergartner, plays in the youth center gym.

Free-time choices abound for CAFB people

Youth center members appreciation: Youth center members are invited to this free program from 6 to 8 p.m. today. Members must present their membership ID card to enter. They eat free and games and activities are planned for all ages. Call Ext. 2504.

American Cafe open: The Columbus Club’s American Cafe opens from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fridays and is open to all ranks. Club members receive a \$2 discount. Call Ext. 2489.

All ranks bingo: Games begin at 6 p.m. Fridays in the community center ballroom. People play five \$75 regular games, one \$125 odd and even coverall game and a \$1,000 progressive jackpot game. Consolation prize is \$150 if the jackpot does not go in 54 numbers or less. Admission fees for nonmembers are \$5. Payout is based on a minimum number of players. Call Ext. 2489.

Disc jockey Maze: Disc Jockey Maze entertains people with his music from

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today in the enlisted lounge.

Enlisted lounge open Saturdays: The enlisted lounge is open Saturdays from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Out-of-school dance: The youth center hosts this dance from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday. The night’s activities also include a dance contest. Cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers. Preteens pay \$1 and nonmembers pay \$2 and must depart by 9:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Call Ext. 2504.

Sunday brunch: This all-ranks brunch is served from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Columbus Club. Cost is \$10.95 per person and club members receive a \$2 discount. Call Ext. 2489.

Services holiday hours: The following services activities are open Monday: the bowling center from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.,

the dining facility from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 5 to 7 p.m.; the fitness center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; the golf course from 7 a.m. to dusk, Magnolia Inn open 24 hours a day and the swimming pool from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. All others activities will be closed. Call Ext. 2337.

Read by mail: Join the worldwide reading program in conjunction with the Book Adventure Program available through the internet and created by Sylvan Learning Foundation. This program is open to children in kindergarten through 8th grade, and the children must be a member of the youth center. Program runs from Monday until Sept. 1. Call Ext. 2504.

Computer camp: The youth center offers a free five-day computer camp starting Tuesday until Saturday for ages 9 and older. Camp will meet from 2 to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday. The camp is limited to the first 10 children registered. Call Ext. 2504.

Library summer reading program: Register for the base library’s summer reading program anytime they are open from June 8 to June 13. This reading program is open to children entertaining grades 1 to 6 and meets from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Call Ext. 2934.

2003 Air Force space camp: The youth center is taking applications until June 6 for scholarships to the 2003 Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala., Aug. 2 to Aug. 8.

Participants must be 12 to 18 years of age and have a minimum grade point average of 2.8 or higher, complete the application, be interviewed by the youth director and have two letters of recommendation from two significant adults other than the parents and provide a list of extracurricular activities along with written verification of participation. Scholarship pays for all lodging, meals and activity fees at the camp. Transportation costs will be the responsibility of the parents. For application and more information visit the youth center or call Ext. 2504.

May 30, May 31 and at 2 p.m. June 1. Tickets are \$8 per adult, \$6 per person for senior citizens and students. Tickets are available at the door or in advance at the Columbus Arts Council.

Blues Festival: Main Street Macon’s first Blues Festival is at 7 p.m. May 31 featuring Macon’s “King of the Blues,” Willie Earl, at the Noxubee County Arena, Mississippi 45, in Macon. Tickets are \$8 per person in advance. Admission at the gate is \$10 per person. For more information, call (662) 726-4456 or (662) 726-5847.

YMCA play: The Frank P. Phillips YMCA drama group present “Hinds Feet in High Places”, based on a book by missionary Hanna Hurnard, at 7 p.m. May 30 and May 31 at Rent Auditorium on the Mississippi University for Women campus.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$1 for children, and available at New Life Christian Supplies, Front Door Columbus, the Columbus Arts Council, and the Frank P. Phillips YMCA. **Lighthouse aglow:** The Columbus Lighthouse Aglow is at 10:30 a.m. June 7 at the Columbus Library. The speaker this month is Carol Peterson from Louisville, Miss. There will be no July meeting, but another meeting is scheduled for Aug. 2. For more information, call 327-2718.

Family day: Columbus Marina will host “Family Day on the Water” from 4 to 10 p.m. June 21 with children’s games, wakeboard contests, boats, music and a fireworks finale. The headliner is Jason D. Williams, a “Jerry Lee Lewis-style boogie piano man” from Memphis. The event is free and open to the public.



Athena Brimer

Where do I sign?

Jimmie Parker (right), recreation specialist, explains some of the special programs offered at the base swimming pool to Judson Lambert. The base pool opens May 23 and is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. People may register for season pool passes, pool parties and swim lessons at outdoor recreation. For more information, call Ext. 7861.

Columbus Club Lunch Buffet

Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
\$7.95 per person — Club members receive \$2 discount —
Cost includes vegetable, tossed salad and beverage —
Ala carte menu also available

Today
Fried catfish
Beef stir fry
Peach cobbler

Monday
Club closed

Tuesday
Lasagna
Spaghetti
Assorted cakes

Wednesday
Meat loaf
Chicken pot pie
Apple cobbler

Thursday
Bratwurst
Roast beef
Banana pudding

Crud tournament

A crud tournament begins at 6:30 p.m. May 31 at the Columbus Club. All Department of Defense personnel are welcome to participate.

Deadline to sign up is Wednesday. Three-person teams are needed. It is a double elimination tournament. Prizes are awarded to the top three teams.

For more information, email Cory Naddy at Naddyc@columbus.af.mil or Alex Fafinski at Alexander.fafinski@columbus.af.mil.

Personal trainers

Personal trainers are available at the fitness and sports center to spice up a workout routine or help a person get more out of their workout. For more information, call Ext. 2773.

Tennis lessons

The youth center offers tennis lessons for all ages. Each child is \$40 a month, and a second child is \$35. For ages 8 and above, practices are one hour, twice a week. For ages 7 and below, practices are 45 minutes, twice a week. Scheduling is done through the instructor. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

Aerobics classes

Aerobics classes ranging from beginning step, kick-boxing, spinning and yoga are offered every week at the fitness and sports center.

There are 15 different classes every week. For information on class times, call the Ext. 2772 or stop by the center for a schedule.



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett

Pulling weights

Rick Jackson, 14th Flying Training Wing manpower office, works out in the weight room at the fitness and sports center. May is Mission Fitness Month. For more information on the program's the fitness center offers, call Ext. 2772.